

The Children's Bureau (CB)
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

THE HEALTHY MARRIAGE INITIATIVE OF NEBRASKA

PURPOSE:

By providing individualized, strengths-based marriage preparation programs to couples, including a marriage inventory (FOCCUS) and mentoring programs for building healthy relationships, this program helps strengthen marriages. Numerous curriculum options, such as "Engaged Encounter" and "When Families Marry," are provided. This program also features support and training for service providers, case workers, and faith- and community-based leaders and personnel.

This program is implemented pursuant to the Healthy Marriage Initiative of Nebraska in the Omaha Enterprise Community in Omaha, NE, which is the only federally-designated Enterprise Community in the State of Nebraska.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

PROJECT PERIOD: 2004-2007

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